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The Honorable Pete Domenici United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Domenici:

This is in response to your November 15 letter regarding the release of Military Construction funds to replace fuel storage and loading facilities at Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB). On November 17, Secretary Rumsfeld designated a new mission at CAFB for the Air Force Special Operations Command. This project will replace deteriorated fuel facilities at the base that provide vital support of this new mission.

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) is currently preparing notification letters to the Congressional Defense committees of the Department's intent to proceed with this project, required by Public Law 109-163 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006). DLA will release the funds for project construction upon completion of the 21-day waiting period following this notification.

Thank you for your support in relocating the 16th Special Operations Wing to CAFB.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J/Krieg